Delhi (IGI) Airport. The site has been found technically suitable for an airport.

(b) Procedural requirements envisaged in the Policy on Airport Infrastructure 1997, are required to be completed before the proposal is considered by Government of India for approval.

(c) Government has approved construction of new international airports at Devanahalli near Bangalore, Shamshabad near Hyderabad and Mopa in Goa.

Improvement of Runways at Kangra and Pant Nagar Airports

3256. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: the details of the steps being taken to improve and extend the runways at Kangra Airport (Himachal Pradesh) and Pant Nagar Airport (Uttaranchal)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): Runway at Kangra Airport (Himachal Pradesh) has recently been extended from 3900 feet to 4500 feet. There is no proposal at present to extend the existing runway at Pant Nagar Airport (Uttaranchal).This airport has only casual flights and no scheduled operations, at present.

Profit earned by special flight to South Africa

3257. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India earned any profit from the special Cricket World Cup flight to South Africa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Air India incurred a cash loss of approximately Rs. 15 lakhs on the operation of the special flight but derived the advantage of considerable publicity.